



Join the Take it Back Network for Mattress Recycling

Become part of one of the country's largest and most successful recycling programs

What is the Take it Back Network (TiBN)?

It's a group of retailers, repair shops, nonprofit organizations, waste haulers and recyclers that provide customers with safe and convenient reuse and recycling options for hard-to-recycle products.

Mattress Recycling

The Take it Back Network is expanding its membership to provide convenient locations to recycle mattresses. Mattresses are made up of several recyclable materials including foam, steel, wood, and cotton. Mattress recycling is still limited in King County, and the Take it Back Network will increase the availability of mattress recycling options for King County residents and businesses.

Why Join the Take it Back Network?

Become a part of the solution and help recycle mattresses. Product take-back programs have demonstrated support and success with retail and other businesses. From electronics and fluorescent lights to used oil and mercury thermometers, businesses gain new customers when they provide a green, convenient take-back recycling service. Join the Network and send a strong message to customers about your commitment to recycling.

Promotion of the Take it Back Network

TiBN members are promoted on the King County website, <http://www.kingcounty.gov/takeitback>, and highlighted when the public searches our popular, [What Do I Do With...?](#) site, which receives hundreds of thousands of visits a year. Members are referred to by our customer service team when the public calls our office for recycling and disposal information. And members are promoted in [materials](#) King County distributes, [advertisements](#) and [other media](#).

Requirements to Join

Read and complete the [full agreement](#) on our website, <http://www.kingcounty.gov/takeitback>, but requirements include: members must have been in business for at least one year, must have a certain level of insurance coverage, must provide customers with a "certificate of recycling" upon request, and must report to King County how many mattresses have been recycled.

TiBN members must also agree to provide at least one location (more is better!) in King County for residents and businesses where mattresses and box springs can be dropped off for recycling, **or** provide pickup in King County (instead of accepting drop off).

Additional Information

TiBN members *can charge a fee* to their customers for providing recycling or can elect to offer the recycling for free. Members are free to recycle with the mattress recycler of their choice. King County is not the recycler, and does not require a specific recycler be used, and does not require that a specific fee be charged and is not involved in determining the fee that is charged to customers to cover the cost of recycling.

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